

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2013 - 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Frost, Lawton, Munn (5:20), Rafferty (5:30)  
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 4, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 4, 2013

Motion by Munn, seconded by Rafferty, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Joellen Anderson reviewed the route of the Trail Day cross town hike. A bridge over McGuire Brook would allow virtually all of the walk to take place off road. She presented photographs of strategically placed stones in English streams that could serve as a bridge across the brook.

Ms. Anderson reviewed some of the recommendations in the Baker Cove Track Down Survey as prepared by the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District in 2011 and noted that some of the actions are shown in the vicinity of the newly acquired Sparkle Lake Conservation Area on Thomas Road. She asked for Commission support and input in implementing the recommendations. Staff will forward a link to the study to the Commission.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Zoning Commission Referral REGA13-01 – Text Amendment Sections 1.1, 8.3-1 through 8.3-12 and 8.4-5

Staff reviewed the amendments to the Zoning Regulations. The amendments clarify the special permit requirements, incorporate the consideration of the environmental impact of proposals on Long Island Sound and make changes to the purpose section and the site plan objectives. The Commission had no comment and appreciated the opportunity to review the amendments.

2. Zoning Commission Referral REGA13-03 – Text Amendment Sections 6.6-2, 6.6-7, and 6.6-9

Staff reviewed amendments to the Flood Protection Regulations. The Commission had no comment and appreciated the opportunity to review the amendments.

3. Electric Boat Soil Remediation, 91 Depot Road, DEEP application

The Commission reviewed the application by Electric Boat to the DEEP for soil remediation at the storm water outfalls on the town-owned Poquonnock River Park. They recommended that the bank plantings be selected for height so as not to block the view of the river. They asked staff to obtain additional information regarding the contaminant levels.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty noted that acquisition of the Spicer Property, now known as the Sparkle Lake Conservation Area, and reviewed the possible uses.

Frost reviewed the design for trail improvements at Beebe Pond Park and on the Copp Property.

Rafferty reviewed the trail agreement with the DEEP to allow a trail on the Mystic Education Center property to connect with town-owned open space on River Road.

Rafferty noted that Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is July 21. Staff will forward the request for volunteers when it arrives.

Munn and Frost reported that they cannot attend the July meeting and the Commission cancelled it.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff reported that Allen Goulet's resignation from the Commission has left them without a representative on the Trail Coordinating Task Force. Munn volunteered to serve as the Commission representative.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

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Gail Munn, Secretary  
Conservation Commission

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